

Allegan, Michigan

May 11, 2015

Call to Order Mayor Leverence called the regular meeting of the Allegan City Council to order at 7:00 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting Prayer Moment of silence

Roll Call

Present: Councilmembers: Gratz, Ingalsbee, McDaniel, McKenzie, Tripp, Zeter, Mayor Leverence

Absent: None

Others

Present: City Manager R. Hillard, Deputy City Clerk L. Vander Clay

Approval of Minutes Councilmember McDaniel, supported by Councilmember Gratz, made a motion to approve the Regular City Council meeting minutes of April 27, 2015. Motion passed by acclamation. Councilmember Gratz, supported by Councilmember Ingalsbee, made a motion to approve the Special City Council meeting minutes of April 30, 2015. Motion passed by acclamation.

Mayor's Report Mayor Leverence thanked the Allegan District Library staff and the Griswold staff for offering a great concert on Friday.

City Manager's Report City Manager R. Hillard stated his report is contained within the contents of the agenda.

Petitions and Public Comment Paul Clements asked for the Council's support for his 2016 Congress campaign.

Communications Councilmember McKenzie, supported by Councilmember Zeter, made a motion to approve the request received from the Allegan High School Student Leaders to hold the annual homecoming parade on October 9, 2015 in downtown starting at 4:00pm. Motion passed by acclamation.

City Manager R. Hillard discussed the tax foreclosed property list from the Allegan County Treasurer. His recommendation for purchase would be 570 Academy Street and 2898 Hooker Road. Councilmember Ingalsbee is in favor of purchasing 570 Academy. Councilmember McDaniel expressed that purchasing 2898 Hooker Road would be beneficial for the mountain bike trail. Councilmember Ingalsbee is also in favor of this purchase. Councilmember McKenzie asked staff to invite the adjoining property owners to attend the public hearing. Councilmember Gratz commented the house on Maple

Street is in serious disrepair. Councilmember McDaniel commented that 513 Ely Street could be repaired.

Councilmember Ingalsbee, supported by Councilmember Tripp, made a motion to set a public hearing for June 8, 2015 at 7:05pm for the purchase of 570 Academy Street and 2898 Hooker Road. Motion passed by acclamation.

DPW Director A. Haskin announced the City of Allegan Parks Brochure is ready for distribution.

Hearings Mayor Leverence opened the public hearing for the proposed 2015/16 Fiscal Budget and Millage Rate of 16.4884 at 7:20pm. There was no public comment. Councilmember Ingalsbee wanted to clarify that approval of this budget does not automatically provide an increase in water/sewer rates. City Manager R. Hillard indicated that this was correct and setting of any new rates would be decided by City Council by a separate action. Councilmember Gratz, supported by Councilmember McKenzie, made a motion to close the public hearing at 7:22pm. Motion passed by acclamation.

Programs

Resolutions

RESOLUTION 15.13 RESOLUTION OF AUTHORIZATION – LETTER OF SUPPORT

WHEREAS, the Allegan City Council supports the submission of an application titled, “Farmers Market Promotion Program” to the US Department of Agriculture Department of Agricultural Marketing Service for development of a promotions program and transportation service at the Allegan Farmers Market in the City of Allegan, Allegan County, MI; and

WHEREAS, the City of Allegan is not required to have a financial commitment to the project; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Allegan City Council hereby authorizes submission of Farmers Market Promotion Program Grant Application, in which the performance period would begin September 30, 2015 and continue for two years thereafter.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, that the grant amount will be \$31,293.79.

Councilmember McDaniel, supported by Councilmember McKenzie, made a motion to approve Resolution 15.13 as presented. Motion passed by acclamation.

Ordinances

Permits/Licenses/Agreements/Grants Councilmember Ingalsbee, supported by Councilmember Gratz, made a motion to approve the National Register of Historic Places Addendum between the City of Allegan and Michigan State Housing Development Authority (State Historic Preservation Office) for the grant agreement CG14-421. Motion passed by acclamation.

Requests for Payments

Requests for Purchases, Services and Equipment Councilmember McKenzie, supported by Councilmember McDaniel, made a motion to approve the request for services received from West Michigan Garage Door, Allegan, Michigan for garage doors at the Wastewater Treatment Plant in the amount of \$9,938.12. Motion passed by acclamation.

Councilmember Ingalsbee, supported by Councilmember Zeter, made a motion to approve the request for services received from Kalleward Construction, Kalamazoo, Michigan for the Riverfront Plaza Enhancements in the estimated amount of \$338,915.00. Motion passed by acclamation.

Councilmember Tripp, supported by Councilmember Ingalsbee, made a motion to approve the request for services received from Abonmarche, Benton Harbor, Michigan for boundary and topographical survey for implementing the riverfront plan in the amount of \$6,000.00. Motion passed by acclamation.

Reports/Minutes of City Boards Mayor Leverence presented the Police Department First Quarter Activity Report.

Councilmember McDaniel reviewed the minutes from the Parks Commission meeting held on April 13, 2015.

Councilmember McKenzie discussed the minutes from the Downtown Development Authority meeting held on April 23, 2015.

Councilmember Ingalsbee presented the minutes from the Public Safety Committee meeting held on April 27, 2015.

Councilmember Gratz reviewed the minutes from the Development Committee meeting held on April 27, 2015.

Councilmember Tripp presented the minutes from the M40/M89 Corridor Committee meeting held on April 28, 2015.

Councilmember McDaniel discussed the minutes from the Highland Business Park meeting held on May 1, 2015.

Councilmember Zeter reviewed the minutes from the Airport Advisory Board meeting held on May 4, 2015.

Councilmember McDaniel presented the minutes from the Parks Commission meeting held on May 4, 2015.

Councilmember Ingalsbee reviewed the minutes from the Historic District Commission meeting held on May 4, 2015.

Councilmember McKenzie discussed the minutes from the Economic Development Corporation meeting held on May 6, 2015.

Appointments Councilmember Ingalsbee, supported by Councilmember Gratz, made a motion to appoint Councilmembers Gratz, Tripp and Mayor Leverage to the Planning Commission Selection Sub-committee. Motion passed by acclamation.

Unfinished Business

Approval of Payroll and Accounts Councilmember Ingalsbee, supported by Councilmember McKenzie, made a motion to approve payroll in the amount of \$96,220.04 and accounts payable in the amount of \$223,731.25. Motion passed by acclamation.

Department Supervisors Report DPW Director A. Haskin commented his staff is currently working on street sweeping; black top repairs; mowing and signage.

Plant Superintendent D. Sweeris announced sludge hauling has been delayed. He thanked City Manager R. Hillard and Mayor Leverage for their attendance at the recent Water Treatment Plant Open House.

Promotions Coordinator K. King indicated the Blessing of the Bikes event was well attended despite the weather. She announced the upcoming Blessing of the Jeeps on May 16th and the Farmer's Market is open for the season and that opening day was a huge success.

Finance Director T. Stull asked that if anyone has questions about the proposed 2015/16 FY Budget to please contact her. She announced audit week will be September 14th.

Council Comments Councilmember Tripp is excited for all the upcoming projects to start.

Councilmember Ingalsbee enjoyed the recent concert at the Griswold and stated a jazz concert will be upcoming.

Councilmembers McDaniel and McKenzie wished Finance Director T. Stull a happy birthday.

Councilmember Gratz announced she was honored to receive the Senatorship award from the Jaycees.

Mayor Leverage announced the upcoming concert at the Griswold on June 14th and the Garden Tour in July.

Mayor Leverage adjourned the meeting at 7:58pm.

Respectfully submitted,

**Lori K. Vander Clay
Deputy City Clerk**

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